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CURRENT REACTION

1. TWO MONDAY CARACAS PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORT STATEMENTS BY FONMIN SCHACHT AS HE DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON APRIL 14. LIBERAL EL NACIONAL GIVES STORY 6 COL HEADLINE ACROSS TOP OF PAGE ONE, "HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS ARE DUE TO HEGEMONIES, SAYS VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER." CAPRILES TABLOID ULTIMAS NOTICIAS HAS PHOTO ON FRONTPAGE AND TEASER HEADLINE, "FONIM SCHACHT DEPARTS FOR DIALOGUE WITH KISSINGER AND TO DISCUSS REFORM OF OAS." WIRE STORIES FROM WASHINGTON SPEAK OF "ATMOSPHERE OF SKEPTICISM" AND ABSENCE OF TLATELOLCO'S CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM.

2. EL NACIONAL HAS TWO SUBHEADLINES, ONE SAYING NOW IS TIME TO END HEGEMONIES AND VENEZUELA IS "DISPOSED TO BECOME ONE OF MOST DECIDED SPOKESMEN OF THIS NEW CONTINENTAL IDEA." OTHER SUBHEADLINE READS: "OUR IDEA IS THAT CUBA REINCORPORATE ITSELF INTO HEMISPHERIC SYSTEM, AND VENEZUELA IS (FAVORABLY) DISPOSED TOWARD ANY INSINUATION FROM HAVANA FOR RENEWAL OF RELATIONS." STORY APPEARS INSIDE. LEAD REPEATS HEADLINES, STORY GOES ON TO SAY VENEZUELA BELIEVES OAS USEFUL, MUST BE REFORMED TO FULFULL ITS PURPOSE; THAT PRINCIPLE OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY MUST BE PURSUED. LAST GRAFS DEAL WITH CUBA. SCHACHT SAYS HE WOULD WELCOME ANY INSINUATION FROM CUBA TO RENEW RELATIONS. "SOME INDIRECT CONTACTS ARE BEING MADE IN THAT SENSE
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LEVEL." SHORT AP STORY FROM WASHINGTON ON CABLEPAGE QUOTES SCHACHT AS SAYING HE EXPECTS SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SECSTATE KISSINGER WILL BE PRODUCTIVE, AND THAT VENEZUELA IS "READY TO CONSIDER CUBAN QUESTION WITH REST OF CONTINENT IN LIGHT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

3. ULTIMAS NOTICIAS HAS SCHACHT STORY INSIDE PAGES FOLLOWING GENERAL LINES OF ONE APPEARING IN EL NAONAL. FURTHER BACK THERE ARE TWO UPI STORIES FROM WASHINGTON UNDER TWO LINE BANNER, "WASHINGTON AND LATIN AMERICA BEGIN SECOND ROUND OF NEW DIALOGUE." ONE STORY SAYS SCHACHT WILL SPEAK TO COMMEMORATE PAN AM DAY, SECOND ITEM SAYS NEW ROUND OF TALKS BEGINS "AMID ATMOSPHERE OF SKEPTICISM AND WITHOUT THE AUSPICIOUS EXPECTATION WHICH PRECEDED DIALOGUE OF TLATELOLCO ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO." STORY SAYS "CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM THAT EXISTED AMONG LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS" IN MEXICO IS ABSENT, AND EVEN THOUGH KISSINGER WANTS TO IMPROVE HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS, "LIKE IT OR NOT, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOVIET UNION CONTINUE TO OCCUPY A POSITION OF MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY THAN LATIN AMERICA IN WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY."

4. EL UNIVERSAL HAS AP STORIES FRONTPAGE UNDER 4 COL HEADLINE "LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS STUDY STRATEGY TO FOLLOW IN UPCOMING MEETING WITH KISSINGER." AP ALSO STRIKES PESSIMISTIC TONE. SAMPLE: "POSSIBILITIES OF PROGRESS APPEARED AS GRAY AS CLIMATE WHICH AWAITED FOREIGN MINISTERS. HIGGINS

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